

### GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN

God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8  
God's Love and Mercy - Ephesians 2:4  
Christ's Blood Shed - Romans 5:9-11  
The Gospel - Romans 1:16

#### Our Response:

Faith - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16  
Repentance - Luke 13:3  
Confession - Romans 10:10  
Be baptized for remission of sins -  
Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21;  
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -  
Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7-10

### LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - March 13

READ SCRIPTURE  
Willie Cyphers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE  
Willie Cyphers

SERVE COMMUNION  
Sydney Bunnell  
Dennis Hatcher Mark Hatcher

PREACHING  
a. m. - Wayne Hatcher  
p. m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING  
Scott Huff

### Fanny Crosby

The grave of Fanny Crosby, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, has a simple marker that reads, "Aunt Fanny-She Hath Done What She Could." Fanny Crosby was blind from six weeks of age because of a mistreatment by a man claiming to be a doctor. Yet she wrote more than 9000 hymns, such as: *Blessed Assurance; All the Way My Saviour Leads Me; I Am Thine, O Lord; Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross; Praise Him, Praise Him; Rescue the Perishing; To God Be the Glory*" and *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*, to name a few.

Although blind, she was the guest of six presidents and a personal friend to Grover Cleveland. Her 9000 hymns were set to music by every popular American tunesmith of the nineteenth century and still blesses the church of Jesus Christ in our day.

Someone has said, "It doesn't take much of a man to be used of God. It just takes all of him."

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Sunday: Bible Study 10 AM; Worship 11 AM & 6 PM  
Wednesday: Bible Study 7 PM

CHURCH WEB PAGE: [www.horsecavecoc.com](http://www.horsecavecoc.com)

Focused on Christ - Thankful for our Salvation - Glorifying the Lord - Serving through Love - Preaching Christ to the World

We gladly welcome you to our congregation, trusting that - if you are *seeking Christ* you will find Him here, if *sorrowing* you will receive comfort and strength here, if *troubled in spirit* you will gain the blessing of peace here, if *discouraged* you will rejoice in encouragement and hope here, if *friendless* you will find companionship and Christian love here. That these and other blessings may be yours is our prayer.

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### Discipleship

There is a difference between an apostle and a disciple. An apostle is "one sent on a mission." Jesus selected twelve men, equipped them to succeed, and sent them on a specific mission. A disciple is "a student, learner, and follower." Although Jesus was often surrounded by a "multitude," the true disciples were found in the mere handfuls remaining true to Christ, no matter what (cf. John 6:66.) In the familiar account of the rich young ruler (Mark 10:17-22), Jesus revealed three traits of discipleship.

Discipleship demands **learning**. This young man displayed a good foundational knowledge of the will of God and could boast of his success in applying these truths to his daily life (vs. 20). Yet, to be a disciple, Jesus demanded that he learn even more about the deeper truths of God's will as it was revealed in Christ.

Discipleship demands **leaving**. To be a disciple of Jesus requires that one leave behind the things of the world, anything that distracts them from becoming like Jesus, their ultimate goal (vs. 21).

Discipleship demands **living**. It demands that our lives change, the very point at which this young man failed to prove himself a true disciple of Jesus. He turned his back on the love of Christ (vs. 21a) and walked away in sorrow, seeing only the demands of discipleship, not the rewards.

- David Bragg

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bessie Brooks on dialysis; R. T. Turner; Leon Seaton; Renee Perkins; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Mary Locke; James Horton; Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad); Imogene Estes (Vicki Thompson's mother); Willie Cyphers, Mary Whittington, Carolyn Bowers and Dennis Hatcher were sick last weekend; Alexis Newman; Emily Eastridge

### FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Joey Chaney; Stella Downs (teacher at Park City Elem); Sherian Gray (member at S. Green St.); Jeanette Clack; Randy Scott is now in Signature Healthcare; Doug Isenberg; Kim Hatcher; H.M. Cherry

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### SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

We have just begun our Spring Quarter on "Tragedy and Hope in Jeremiah". It will be a GREAT study!! This morning: *Can a Bride Forget Her Attire?* (Jeremiah 2:7-13, 20-23, 32-35). Wayne is the teacher.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The study of "Circles of Truth" with Mike Thompson will soon be concluded. Be sure and be here for Wed. bible study.

### BULLETIN ITEMS

If you have news items to include in the bulletin, be sure and get it to Wayne by Sat. morning.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**March 27-30** Spring Gospel Meeting at the Elizabethtown Church of Christ with

Robert Hatfield. \*See bulletin board

**April 15-17** Spring Gospel Meeting here at Horse Cave with area gospel preachers. W. Tom Hall will preach Friday night: Challenges Facing the Church. Bart Warren will preach Saturday night: Challenges Facing the Christian. Michael Greene will be preaching Sunday.

### AREA LADIES DAY

March 19 Elizabethtown Church of Christ with Celine Sparks as guest speaker. Theme: "*Happiness Is A Choice*"

March 19 Hickory College Church of Christ with Laura Glass, Theme: A Purpose Driven Motherhood

\*See bulletin board for more details

### FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS SEMINAR

Sat. April 2 at the Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green. This is an annual event focusing on basic issues currently facing the church. Theme: Congregational Fellowship, Cooperation and Autonomy \*See bulletin board for details.

### WELCOME TO HORSE CAVE

Last Sunday morning, Eugene and Connie Campbell placed their membership with the congregation here at Horse Cave. We know they will be a valuable asset to the Lord's cause here.

### TIME CHANGE IN EFFECT

This evening we will return to our regular time for services - 6:00 and this Wednesday back to 7:00.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who owned the camels that Rebekah offered to water?

The answer to last week's bible question: Joseph Gen. 35:24

**Visitors are always appreciated and welcomed !!!!**

## Children Are Precious, Complex and Fragile

by Richard Mansel

God's Word is consistently rapturous about children. We're commanded to be like them (Matthew 18:2-6) and their presence in our lives is a blessing (Psalm 127:3-5). They can warm the frozen heart and cause the sun to shine.

While children are wonderful and precious, they're exceedingly complex. Their personalities are as unique as a snowflake and their minds work by their own beat. They each see the world differently and their tastes and preferences will always be diverse.

No one knows how to raise a particular child because they're each spectacularly original. The one size fits all parenting style is a menace to society.

While those who don't have children are the reigning experts on parenting, we all need to step back and realize how very difficult a job childrearing really is.

Their complexity mixes with the fragility of each child to create a volatile combination. They're very malleable and impressionable and we must all remember the gravity of our influence.

Children are sponges and they absorb all the good and bad around them without the reasoning ability to filter the results.

While our faults and weaknesses are inadvertently teaching, we must be aware enough to redirect them to a higher cause (Deuteronomy 6:4-9). But not all children have such a privilege.

So many children are raised by themselves and the failures of others. The positive and uplifting eludes them and they are emotionally malnourished. Abuse comes in many forms and while physical and sexual abuse take precedence, emotional abuse is especially potent.

Working in the foster care system unveils the myriad of traumas that children endure. The horrors they face are mystifying and painful to contemplate.

Countless children are battered, beaten and bruised by uncaring, abusive people who think only of their own needs and problems.

Children are changed for life by what they endure and those of us who work to raise them can't treat them all alike because their traumas and fears are unique. They must fight daily to rise above the cruelties of life and we help them rise upward each and every day.

Yet despite their traumas and scars, they're still precious and wonderful creations of God (Genesis 1:26) and the resiliency of the human spirit rises above the muck and misery of their existence.

Pray for the children who suffer and for those who are blessed enough to be raised by those who take them to God for care (Proverbs 22:6). All are precious in God's sight.

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